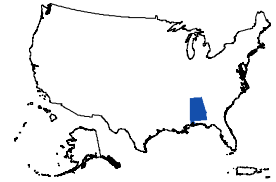


# 2000 Environmental Quality Incentives Program



## Alabama Summary

### Overview

Alabama's Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) funded 57 priority areas in FY2000, which covered parts of 45 counties. There were 1,135 applications taken within these priority areas requesting over \$5 million in conservation practices. Thirteen of these priority areas had minority populations greater than 20 percent of the potential customers.

### Accomplishments

There were 520 contracts prepared in the state. Three hundred and twenty of these plans/contracts were animal waste management/nutrient management plans on over 31,000 acres to apply animal byproducts at environmentally safe rates. One hundred and five plans/contracts addressed erosion and sedimentation problems on over 29,000 acres reducing erosion by 180,000 tons and sedimentation by 72,000 tons. Twelve of the priority areas focused on grazing concerns resulting in over 100 plans/contracts on 25,000 acres applying practices, such as prescribed grazing, wells, troughs, and fencing, to better utilize forage resources and minimize impact on the environment.

### Customer Focus

Abraham Plenty, a limited resource landowner in Hale County, Alabama was approved for EQIP funds on her 58 acre farm. With NRCS assistance, she has improved her pasture forage by installing cross fencing and water facilities to better management the forage. The grazing plan developed by the NRCS technician allows her to carry more animals per acre and minimizes her hay requirements.

Ms. Plenty expresses her appreciation to the local Soil and Water Conservation District and NRCS for their efforts in obtaining EQIP and other USDA program funds for their county. Without this assistance she says she would not have been able to improve her natural resources and her farm income.

### Outlook

The EQIP program helps local producers solve water quality, erosion, grazing, and wildlife problems and develop their resources to their fullest potential, while protecting the environment. Alabama had 90 priority area proposals submitted for FY2001 representing over 15 million acres and requesting over \$21 million in EQIP funds. At the current funding levels, it would be years before these environmental problems could be solved.

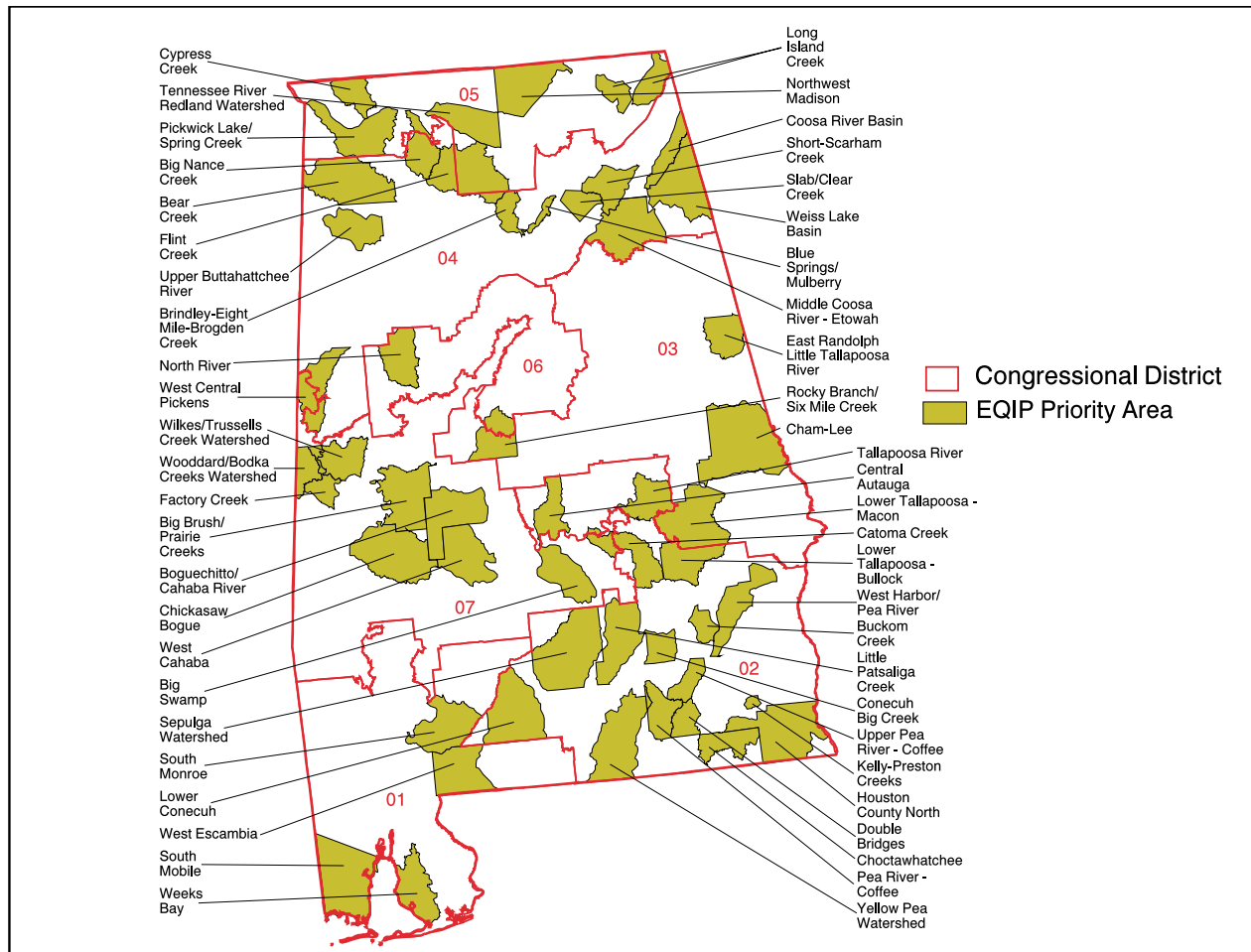
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*Abraham Plenty on her farm  
in Hale County, Alabama*



## Alabama EQIP Priority Areas Within Congressional Districts



## Alabama EQIP Dollars and Contracts by Congressional District

Congressional Districts	Fiscal Year 2000		Cumulative Total (97-00)	
	Obligated Dollars	Number of Contracts	Obligated Dollars	Number of Contracts
District 0	\$2,847	1	\$2,326,627	688
District 1	235,425	51	443,948	97
District 2	606,983	122	2,017,850	394
District 3	333,593	54	998,427	175
District 4	559,555	90	2,471,418	326
District 5	526,915	174	2,411,126	617
District 6	91,112	14	91,112	14
District 7	326,967	61	1,080,187	236
<b>State Totals</b>	<b>\$2,683,397</b>	<b>567</b>	<b>\$11,840,695</b>	<b>2,547</b>

Note: EQIP contracts for each Congressional District are estimated from Conservation Priority Areas which may include more than one district. Congressional District 0 = EQIP Contracts for Statewide Natural Resource Concerns which can be in any Congressional District in the state.

Source: FSA Recordset type01, data through 4th quarter FY2000

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